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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1948.

July, 1949.

To the Chairman & Councillors of
Winslow Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the annual report on the health and vital statistics of the district for the year 1948. Incorporated with the report are the details of inspection, and hygienic improvements as set out by Mr. Piper, your Sanitary Inspector.

There has been no serious epidemic of infectious disease during the year; the increase in measles notifications was common throughout the country. There was no case of diphtheria notified throughout the area, nor was there any water borne disease or case of food poisoning brought to the notice of the Public Health Department.

During the year the hospitals serving the district came under the administration of the Oxford Regional Hospital Board and are managed by the Aylesbury and District Hospital Management Committee.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking you, Mr. Chairman and Councillors, for your ever willing co-operation and help during the year and extending these thanks to the members of the Staff who have worked in a harmonious and conscientious manner.

I am, Lady & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,


Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS FOR 1948.

Medical Officer of Health

Dr. J.T.C. Sims-Roberts.

Medical Officer under Poor Law
Acts and Public Vaccination.

Dr. P.F. Rudd.

Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor.

Mr. C.S. Piper.

Assistant to the Sanitary Inspector.

Mr. P.O. Clarke.

Public Health Clerk.

Miss G. Yeo.

EXTRACT OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1948.

Live Births. Total 127.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	67	50	117.
Illegitimate	6	4	10.

Still Births.

Legitimate	4	2	6.
Illegitimate.	-	-	-.

Deaths of Infants.

Under 1 year of age.	1	-	1.
Puerperal Sepsis	-	-	-.
Measles	-	-	-.
Whooping Cough	-	-	-.
Diarrhoea under 2 years.	-	-	-.

<u>Birth rate</u>	per thousand	13.8
<u>Death rate</u>	" "	11.0
<u>Infant Mortality rate</u>	per thousand live births	7.8

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	33,260.
Population.	7,520.
Number of inhabited houses 31st. December 1948 (according to rate book)	2,336.
Rateable Value (31st. December 1948)	£ 27,743.
Sum represented by Penny Rate (31st March 1948)	£ 116. 14. 5.

PATHOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS. LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The arrangement is continued for medical practitioners in this district to enjoy the facilities provided by the Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Oxford.

The laboratory at the Ministry of Pensions, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury, continues to examine and report upon pathological milk and water samples submitted by statutory officers for bacteriological examination.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Arrangements are made by the Bucks County Council for the immunisation of children under one year, and of school age, free of charge. This is carried out by general practitioners and at Infant Welfare Centres and schools.

The district being essentially rural is also served by a mobile immunisation clinic. Infant Welfare Centres serving the district are held at Winslow, Bletchley, Buckingham and Steeple Claydon.

HOSPITALS SERVING THE DISTRICT.

General.

Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury.
Tindal General Hospital, Aylesbury.
Stoke Mandeville, Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Aylesbury.

Health Service.

There is a Hospital in Winslow serving the Buckingham and Winslow District. There are wards for feeble minded, mentally defective patients, and chronic sick.

An Old Peoples Hostel is situated at Swanbourne.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES ACCOMMODATION.

Hospital accommodation for the district is provided at the Grove Hospital, Linslade, and by reciprocal arrangements when necessary, at Aylesbury Isolation Hospital, Booker Isolation Hospital, High Wycombe, or Slough Isolation Hospital, Cippenham.

TREATMENT OF VENEREAL DISEASES.

Arrangements are now made with the Regional Hospital Board for treatment of cases at the Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

During the year 90 cases were reported;-

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1948.

	<u>Civilian.</u>	<u>Non-civilian.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
Scarlet Fever	17	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Measles	50	-	-
Pneumonia	2	-	1
Whooping Cough	18	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-
Tuberculosis (respiratory) New Cases.	2.		

ANALYSIS OF DEATHS.

Tuberculosis	1
Syphilitic Diseases	-
Influenza	-
Cancer (all sites)	15
Diabetes	-
Intra. Cranial Vascular Lesions	14
Heart Disease	29
Other Diseases of the Circ. System	4
Bronchitis	5
Pneumonia	1
Other Respiratory Diseases	1
Other Digestive Diseases	1
Nephritis	3
Premature Birth	1
Con. mal. birth inj. infant dis.	-
Other Violent Causes	3
All Other Causes	5
Other Maternal Causes	-

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RURAL HOUSING SURVEY.

Percentages for the area are as follows :-

Category I.	Fit in all respects.	32%
" II.	Minor repairs required.	23%
" III.	Major repairs required.	34%
" IV.	Suitable for reconstruction under R.W. Acts.	4%
" V.	Not repairable at reasonable expense.	7%

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTIONS.

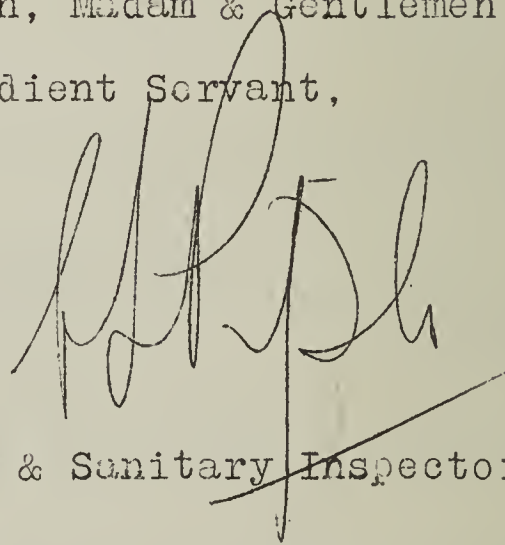
The following miscellaneous inspections were carried out in 1948.

Water Supplies.....	62.
Milk and Dairies.....	60.
Sewers and Drains.....	89.
Refuse Tips (including Salvage).....	110.
Nuisances Abated.....	28.
Inspection re Sanitary Accommodation...	45.
Factories and Workshops.....	35.
Bakehouses.....	10.
Housing.....	232.
W.C. Conversions.....	8.
Infectious Disease Visits.....	17.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Madam & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,



Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector.